

# GERMANY'S REPLY NOT YET RECEIVED

Note on Arabic Said to Have  
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Tuesday.

## AFFIDAVITS RECEIVED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

Taken by U. S. Embassy Officials in  
London After Sinking of  
the Liner.

Affidavits bearing on the sinking of the Arabic by a German submarine, taken by United States embassy officials at London, were received today by Secretary Lansing. He declined to discuss them. As to the Hesperian, reported sunk by a German submarine, the Secretary said he had no further information. Official confirmation of the death of Wolff, as the result of the Hesperian tragedy, reached the department today, but the question as to Wolff's citizenship was raised, and officials indicated that they are without information that Wolff is really a citizen of the United States, as news dispatches have reported him to be.

There was much more interest in the Arabic case today than in that of the Hesperian, inasmuch as the State Department is now waiting, not only for the latter, for information from Berlin, for which Ambassador Gerard was asked yesterday by cable. The Secretary of State had nothing further to add to previous statements at the department that it is inconclusive that the Hesperian was torpedoed.

### Confirmation Lacking.

As to the Arabic, there was no confirmation at the State Department of Berlin dispatches, printed in most of the columns of The Star, saying a German submarine commander reported to his government that he torpedoed the Arabic because he believed he was about to be torpedoed by the liner. It is presumed that if such a report was made Ambassador Gerard will forward it soon to the department. Germany's promised communication in regard to the sinking of the Arabic is expected here within a few days.

### Officials Will Not Comment on Press Reports.

The German ambassador has given assurance that full satisfaction will be accorded the United States in connection with the destruction of the Arabic, and the State Department rests for the present.

Germany's promised communication on the Arabic is understood to have been delivered to Ambassador Gerard Tuesday. It is said that it ascribes the liner's destruction to a submarine, whose commander felt obliged to defend himself when the Arabic changed its course toward him, and it is also said that the communication expresses regret over the loss of American lives, and proposes to refer to The Hague questions of reparation and compensation. This, however, is regarded, as speculation, as the reply had not been received at the State Department this afternoon.

### Instructions Received.

BERLIN, September 9, via London.—The instructions of the State Department at Washington to Ambassador Gerard to inquire whether the German government possesses any information concerning the sinking of the steamship Hesperian have been received at the embassy here.

### Naval Attaché Sends a Report.

LONDON, September 9, 4:26 p.m.—The American embassy has forwarded to the State Department at Washington the report of Lieut. Lewis B. McBride, naval attaché at the embassy, regarding the sinking of the liner Hesperian. It is understood that the report throws no new light on the question whether the liner was torpedoed.

### STEAMSHIP LINE TO SPAIN.

New Project Backed. It Is Said, by King Alfonso.

MADRID, Spain, September 9, via Paris, 2:40 p.m.—Announcement is made here that a new steamship line between Spain and the United States is to be established. The steamers will ply directly between Vigo and New York. It is said King Alfonso will give his support to the enterprise and that it has also received influential backing in New York.

The new line will provide a shorter route between the two countries than any now in operation. The distance is 2,888 miles.

### PEACE ADVOCATES FIRED ON.

Sam Robertson, Who Tried to Get Mexicans to Give Up Arms, Not Hit Brownsville, Tex., September 8.—Sam Robertson, a peace advocate, who two days ago apparently was successful in the co-operative American-Mexican movement for Mexicans to give up their arms, was fired upon several times last night while in an automobile near Brownsville, Texas. One bullet penetrated Robertson's hat and one hit his automobile. Presumably the scene of the killing of the two Americans last week. Robertson claims to have evidence that these bandits have been hiding in the brush near Brownsville ever since last week's assassinations of the two Americans.

### Reduces Hours of Labor.

TOLEDO, Ohio, September 9.—The Warner Manufacturing Company, extensive manufacturers of automobile parts, announced today that the company would reduce the working hours for an assault on Toledo, Ohio, to a week during October with no change in the scale of wages. The reduction is voluntary and is being made as an experiment. Owing to strong competition, it is said, the men must produce the same results in forty-eight hours as employees at other plants do in sixty.

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May Prosecute Editors of Mexican Papers Who Seek to Stir Up Sedition.

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# U. S. HOPES AUSTRIA WILL RECALL ENVOY

Officials Here Await Receipt of Documentary Evidence From London.

## PRESIDENT ANXIOUS TO AVOID INITIATIVE

Would Welcome Ambassador Dumba's Voluntary Withdrawal, It Is Announced.

Unless the Austrian government itself takes some step in the case of Dr. Constantin Dumba, its ambassador here, the diplomatic incident growing out of the disclosure of the ambassador's

### All in the Same Boat.

"We are all in the same boat. The prosperity of one class is dependent on the prosperity of all. This is no reason why we should not repress injustice and punish abuse of power. But it is a reason why we should not indulge in excess."

Mr. Taft said that conditions identical with those affecting the railroads were to be found in all lines of business where large combinations of investment have been made.

"Another most important development in this country has been an attack upon our representative system of government as a cause of the corporate and corrupt control of politics. It was said that the system involved the selection of agents by the people to act for them in executive and legislative work who too often proved faithless, and that the only remedy was to carry on the government safely to be dispensed with legislative agents and let the people legislate directly."

### Swayed by Public Opinion.

"A most formidable wave of public opinion in favor of such a change swept the country and found expression in the initiative and referendum. After a state of the working of these innovations, I do not hesitate to say that it proves the wisdom of such changes. If it be true that the people have not information and intelligence to select from their own number competent and honest agents to do their work, they certainly have not the capacity to perform the much more difficult task of passing useful judgment on statutes, frequently difficult to construe or understand. Again, the duty imposed upon the people in legislating by initiative and referendum is so much more burdensome than that imposed by the representative system in selecting agents to do this work that the majority of the voters too frequently refuse to perform their electoral duties."

"The institution of recall deals with the executive and judicial branches of the government. With both its operation in the hands of the public service, though in the case of judges it is much more dangerous."

"If an effect be recalled by impeachment or by criminal trial and conviction and sentenced to the penitentiary, under the new system of recall an honest official, before he has time to work out and vindicate his name, may be ousted by an ambitious rival through misrepresentation in the press and the hasty judgment of the minority of the electorate who go to the polls. Under such a system Lincoln would have been recalled."

### Evils of Recall System.

"The evil of the recall of judges and judicial decisions is, however, much greater. The tenure of a judge or of the right of the individual litigants is to depend on the chance and uncertainty of one popular election. In the nature of the case, the people cannot be advised of the legal arguments pro and con."

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# Uncle Sam's Sea-Soldiers Always First to Fight

Whenever trouble arises—as recently in Haiti and Mexico—it's the U. S. marine who is first called upon to go to the front. The story of the corps' remarkable expeditions will be found in

## THE SUNDAY STAR

# KILLING OF MACHADO STIRS ALL OF BRAZIL

Assassinated Senator Frequently Referred to as the Political "Boss" of His Country.

RIO DE JANEIRO, September 9.—The assassination yesterday of Senator Pinheiro Machado has caused a profound sensation throughout Brazil. The Spaniard charged with his murder has confessed, the authorities assert, that he had no accomplices and that he killed Senator Machado because he blamed the politician for the misfortunes which had befallen his family.

Pinheiro Machado frequently was referred to as the political "boss" of Brazil. He was president of the senate and leader of the conservatives. He had become unpopular of late because he championed the cause of former President Fonseca, who recently was elected to the senate.

Machado, who was reputed to be immensely wealthy, was credited with playing an important part in bringing about the election of President Braz. It was said he forced the proclamation of martial law in Rio de Janeiro early in 1914 as a piece of political strategy.

Under the regulations of the academy, midshipmen may be dismissed without a court-martial trial if guilty of more than one offense of hazing. One of those recommended for dismissal was found guilty of more than seven offenses. If his explanation, to be forwarded to the Secretary, is not satisfactory, he will be dismissed without trial by court-martial.

It is believed practically all the others recommended for dismissal were found guilty of more than one offense, so that a court-martial would not be necessary in any case. Before dismissal is made, however, the recommendations must go to President Wilson for approval.

The investigation into the hazing incidents was conducted by a naval board selected by the head of the academy, and its report was designed for his guidance. The inquiry attracted wide attention because conducted at about the same time the inquiry into other irregularities was being conducted.

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# GEN. VON BERNHARDI TAKES FIELD COMMAND

BERLIN, September 9.—Gen. Friedrich A. J. von Bernhardi has been assigned to a field command at his own request by Emperor William. He has already left for the front.

Gen. Von Bernhardi is one of the best-known military writers of Germany. In a book entitled "Germany and the Next War," written in 1912, he forecast many of the main features of the present campaigns. Before going to the front he served as commander of the 50th Army Corps, which consists of home units.

### Berlin Blames a Mine.

Advices Ambassador It Is Unlikely Hesperian Was Torpedoed.

NEW YORK, September 9.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has received a wireless dispatch from Berlin from the German foreign office, in which the statement is made that it appears improbable that the Hesperian was torpedoed, and that it was much more likely the boat ran on a mine.

The dispatch, as given out by the ambassador at his hotel here, follows: "According to information available in Berlin it appears improbable that the Hesperian was torpedoed. Much more likely the boat ran on a mine."

# EXPECT 100 TO TAKE TRADE BOOST TRIP

Retailers' Plans Completed for Start Monday on Virginia-Maryland Outing.

## BAND WILL ACCOMPANY AND GIVE CONCERTS

Big Time Expected at Various Points, as Welcomes Have Been Prepared.

With the route of the second day of the outing definitely determined upon, everything now is in readiness for the trade boosting trip by automobile through Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia to be taken by members of the Retail Merchants' Association and other retail business men Monday and Tuesday.

From the outset, President R. P. Andrews of the Retail Merchants' Association, who is chairman of the trade boosting committee, has worked to have all arrangements for the trip completed well ahead of time in order to avoid any "eleventh hour" rush. In addition to attending to the thousand and one details necessary to provide for the comfort of the trade boosters, Mr. Andrews has been waging a campaign for early registration on the part of those who plan to participate in the trip. Today he stated that no registrations would be received later than noon tomorrow. It will be necessary to know just who is to go along a few days ahead of time in order that hotel accommodations may be provided for and arrangements made for transportation.

"If you haven't already registered, do so immediately," he said. "Another minute" was on the lips of Mr. Andrews almost continuously today.

"Send in your check for \$10 to Secretary Columbus and he will see that a place for you in one of the automobiles is provided. Today he stated that an advertisement of your business is inserted in the special edition newspaper, which is to be distributed at the various towns included in the itinerary.

### Expects Twenty-Five Auto Loads.

Mr. Columbus said today there is every indication that at least twenty-five automobile loads of boosters will make the trip. Today he said he expected more than 100, he firmly believes. There are to be several commercial trucks in the line. Arrangements were made today for an automobile bus, with a capacity of sixteen passengers, in which the Retail Merchants' Association Band will be carried.

The start is to be made from in front of The Star building, at 11th street and Pennsylvania avenue, at 8 o'clock Monday morning. The first day's route will include the following points:

Rockville, New Market, Gaithersburg, Frederick, Braddock Heights, Neelville, Middletown, Cedar Grove, Damascus, Clarksburg, Funkstown, Hagerstown, Ridgeville, Mount Airy.

### Short Stops at Each Town.

A short stop is to be made at every point. While members of the party are distributing souvenirs and are boosting for Washington the band will give a concert. At Frederick a midday dinner will be served. The trade boosters will reach Hagerstown in time for supper and will spend the night there. Monday night probably will be one which Hagerstown will remember for a long while. There will be no more stops until the week of September 27.

An early breakfast will be served the following morning, and about 8 o'clock the return trip will be started. The second day's itinerary will include the following points:

Hamilton, Leeburg, Drummersville, Lewinsville, Round Hill, Langley, Washington.

Midday dinner is to be served at Winchester, and later in the day a stop will be made for supper.

### Will Be Welcomed.

Secretary Columbus today received word from W. R. Lucas, president of the Winchester Chamber of Commerce, that a committee of representative business men of that city has been appointed to meet the trade boosters when they arrive there. Mr. Lucas asked that when Martinsburg is reached he be notified by telephone. The committee will then board automobiles and start out from Winchester to meet the trade boosters en route.

Secretary Columbus today stated that an expert mechanic will be carried along to attend to any trouble that might be experienced by any of the cars. He will ride in a car at the end of the trip. The trade boosters will be over a hundred miles from home when they arrive there. The remainder will be over dirt roads, which are said to be in good condition. At the various points to be touched during the trip the trade boosters will extend something more than a general invitation to visit Washington. They will urge the trade boosters to visit the national assembly of civil war veterans, the stores of Washington will offer attractions that will be of great interest to the trade boosters. The trade boosters will be being made by several establishments for big "fall buying sales."

### Bristol Visitor Here.

That the auto trade boosting trip is attracting attention was evidenced today by a visit made to Secretary Columbus by J. W. Umstadt, president of the Retail Merchants' Association of Bristol, Tenn. Mr. Umstadt said that his association is planning a similar trip to be taken within the next month. His visit to Mr. Columbus was for the purpose of ascertaining just how arrangements for such a trip should be made. Mr. Umstadt, who is in Washington on a business trip, was invited to attend the weekly luncheon meeting of the credit men's section of the Retail Merchants' Association at the Raleigh Hotel today. Mr. Umstadt is the credit manager of a business establishment of Bristol.

### Biennial Conference of Lutherans.

MOBILE, Ill., September 9.—Four hundred delegates were in attendance at the opening here today of the biennial meeting of the general council of the Lutheran Church of North America. The sessions will be held alternately in Mobile and Rock Island, Mo. Dr. T. E. Schumaker, president of the council, in his opening sermon today condemned the departure from Christian teachings that has made the present war in Europe possible. Even America, he said, has abandoned the altruistic for the material.

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# RUSSIANS INFLECT SEVERE DEFEAT ON INVADING HOSTS

Tarnopol Fight May Indicate Czar's Forces Generally Now Intend to Strike Back.

## GERMANS CLAIM VICTORY TO NORTH OF SZUPAIKA

Emperor Nicholas Bids Grand Duke Farewell as Latter Leaves for the Caucasus.

### ENGLAND VOICES CONCERN

Changes in Highest Russ Commands Cause Speculation—Said Emperor Has Foes at Home and at Front.

LONDON, September 9.—For the first time in many weeks the Russians, according to their own statements, have inflicted a severe defeat on their opponents. The battle of Tuesday near Tarnopol, seventy miles east of Lemberg, and near the Galician frontier, although not conclusive, is regarded in England as indicating that the Russians are reaching the stage where they purpose striking back after their long retreat.

The Teutonic forces engaged in this battle included not only Austrian but German forces, they being the 3d German Division and an 48th Reserve Division and an Austrian brigade. The Russians maintain that 8,000 prisoners, exclusive of the dead or wounded, measure the extent of their victory, and that it would have been more pronounced but for their inferiority in artillery.

The German center is forging forward slowly by virtue of sustained pressure, but in the north Field Marshal von Hindenburg still is unable to force a passage of the Dvina.

The German version of the latest Austrian war office statement, received here by wireless from Berlin, asserts that twenty Russian officers, 4,400 men and seven machine guns were captured when Austro-Hungarian troops captured Russian positions north of Szupaika, near the mouth of the Sereth river.

In the fighting near Podkamien, on the Russo-Galician frontier, and Radziwilow, in Russia, the Russians have been forced to retreat on a front of about fifty-six miles, according to the official communication issued by the Austrian war office.

### Grand Duke Leaves.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that Grand Duke Nicholas and his headquarters staff started for the Caucasus last evening. Emperor Nicholas went to the railroad station to say farewell to the new viceroy.

Great concern is expressed by the Russian higher commands. It is considered natural, however, that at time of such national gravity the czar should assume supreme command, as he is both the spiritual and secular head of the empire. It was not easily understood in western Europe.

### Battling Against Two Foes.

As the Times editorial says if the emperor takes the field in person it is to overcome at the same time foes of Russia at home and embattled foes, who are striking at his sovereignty.

"None can know better what vast issues are involved than the monarch, since the early years of his reign, favored clemency for Poland and sought to promote human welfare through The Hague conference, and who, since the war began, by a heroic stroke, freed his people from the evils of alcohol and who rejoices in the title of 'Little Father' of his people. Such a monarch may well instill new confidence into his troops and steel their hearts afresh for victory."

### Dissipates Peace Talk.

It is universally agreed that the emperor's action dissipates any idea that Russia will listen to proposals for a separate peace. The Russian press is how to explain the removal of Grand Duke Nicholas to another sphere. The Chronicle, like all the other papers, has only the highest praise for the manner in which the grand duke conducted the great emergency. It is not a great surprise that he was forced upon him by a short age of munitions.

The Times military expert also applauds the grand duke's action which has reunited his northern and central armies and successfully passed the moment of greatest danger. The correspondent says he cannot believe the removal of the grand duke implies any change in the conduct of the campaign.

### Can Carry on Orderly Retreat.

Commenting upon the changes in the Russian high commands, the military expert of the Times says that, short of some serious mistake which the grand duke has hitherto shown no sign of making, the Russians can now carry on an orderly and quiet retreat, fighting where they please and for as long as it pleases them, until the west